

# 2003 California Quick Collision Facts

During 2003, California had a total of 538,955 traffic collisions: 3,726 fatal, 204,174 injury and 331,055 property damage only.

A traffic collision was reported every 59 seconds.

One person was killed every 2 hours and 4 minutes as a result of a traffic collision.

One person was injured every minute and 43 seconds as a result of a traffic collision.

Children under the age of 15 accounted for 24.7% of pedestrian victims and 25.1% of bicycle victims (victims killed and injured).

For each person killed there were 73 persons injured.

Speed was indicated as the Primary Collision Factor in 28.3% of the fatal and injury collisions.

Beginning in 1999, motorcyclist victims began to increase over the all time low experienced in 1998. Motorcyclists killed in 2003 increased 84.0% from 1998 and those injured increased 52.9% over that same year.

Alcohol involved fatal collisions have increased 23.8% and alcohol involved persons killed have also increased 23.5% within the last five years.

Of the licensed drivers in California, 22.1% were under 30 years of age: however, drivers under 30 years of age comprise 35.3% of all drivers in fatal and injury collisions.

One out of every 8,505 persons living in California was killed in a traffic collision; one out of every 117 persons was injured; and one out of every 59 licensed drivers was involved in a fatal or injury traffic collision.

As a result of the 3,726 fatal collisions, 4,225 persons were killed for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal collision.

There were 1.30 persons killed and 94.83 persons injured for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel. (These are more commonly known as the mileage death and mileage injury rates.)

Hit-and-run was indicated in 10.0% of the fatal and injury collisions.

California has not had a day without a traffic fatality since September 12, 2000.